

# Guidance and Counseling Services

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*Our Vision: That every school will have fully implemented Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Programs that advance the academic, career and personal/social development of all students.*

*Our Mission: To work collaboratively with Professional School Counselors, the Missouri School Counselor Association, Counselor Educators and all stakeholders to develop and provide the leadership, resources and professional development necessary to support professional school counselors in their efforts to fully implement their comprehensive guidance and counseling programs.*

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## **Announcements**

Resources and information provided in the Guidance Digest are for communication purposes only. Listing these resources and information does not constitute endorsement by either the Guidance and Counseling Services Section or the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

### **Almost There!**

The school year is rapidly coming to a close. You're almost there! Be sure to take a moment to reflect on your *many successes* and know that you do make a difference. Take pride in who you are and celebrate! Rene, Tom, and Lore'e congratulate you and all that you have accomplished. We are honored to serve you and are proud to champion the cause for Missouri School Counselors!

### **Missouri Virtual Instruction Program (MoVIP)**

MoVIP, or the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program, which is run by the Department, will begin registering students for the upcoming **summer semester** on Monday May 4 with courses beginning as soon as **May 13**. MoVIP currently offers about 150 different online courses in a wide variety of subjects taught by Missouri-certified teachers. MoVIP also offers state-funded tuition for students who qualify as **medically fragile or homebound**, meaning they cannot attend the local public school due to a permanent medical, social or emotional condition. For more information, please visit [www.movip.org](http://www.movip.org), call 573-751-2453 or email [movipinfo@dese.mo.gov](mailto:movipinfo@dese.mo.gov)

### **Counselor Evaluation**

The [Counselor Evaluation Draft Materials](#) are being finalized and will be ready for use this summer. Plans for a small scale pilot program to follow the process through the next school year are being considered. Contact Tom Schlimpert at [tom.schlimpert@dese.mo.gov](mailto:tom.schlimpert@dese.mo.gov) if you have interest in participating in the pilot and would like to receive information as it is developed. The pilot would involve both the school counselor and their administrator.

## New Counselor Institute (NCI)

Registration for the [New Counselor Institute](#) (NCI) is now open. NCI 2015 will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City on July 12-15, 2015. NCI is designed for those entering school counseling positions with:

- A Temporary Authorization Certificate
- An Alternative Certification with zero or one year of school counseling experience
- Recent graduation from a school counseling masters program and no counseling experience
- No public school experience

## Counselors Are Still Needed

Educational Testing Service (ETS) and DESE have been working together with School Counselors and preparation faculty in the development of a **Missouri School Counselor Performance Assessment**. The next step in the development process is to convey a training/scoring session that includes representation from across the state by both School Counselors and faculty that prepare them. The session will occur Monday May 18th through Friday the 22nd in Columbia Missouri. ETS will take care of lodging, meals and your mileage to get to/from the session. Contact Ethan Taylor at [etaylor@ets.org](mailto:etaylor@ets.org) or 609-683-2962.

## Get Energized - MSCA Fall Conference 2015

Check out the fun video promoting the MSCA 2015 Fall Conference!

<https://drive.google.com/a/aurorar8.org/file/d/0B8PIN0gFSh7bSjJyWUxxckVIZnc/view?usp=sharing>

## Guidance Digest Distribution System

Tell your friends to personally register to receive the Guidance Digest at [Guidance Digest](#)

## Breaking Traditions Awards Ceremony

The Breaking Traditions Awards Ceremony and Reception were a great success again this year. Congratulations to our regional and state winners and to all who supported this program to recognize outstanding students who are pursuing non-traditional careers. Your regional College and Career Consultant (CCC) has posters that recognize the state winners. [Missouri Honors Breaking Traditions Winners](#)

# Program Components

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## CURRICULUM

### Guidance Curriculum

Check the HTML files at [Guidance Curriculum](#) for an improved organization of the unit and lesson plans.

[Missouri Connections](#) has career focused lesson plans for a variety of subject areas as well as career development lessons and activities for grades 6-12. Log in and use these resources!

## INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PLANNING

### Missouri Connections

Take some time this summer and review the many features provided in [Missouri Connections](#), including the Personal Learning Plan (Personal Plan of Study), Checklists, assessments and curriculum. The new **elementary version** of Missouri Connections for grades 3-5 is on schedule for a late fall release. Stay tuned!

For more information, contact Jackie Coleman at [jcoleman@motrainer.com](mailto:jcoleman@motrainer.com) or 573-634-0043 or Tom Schlimpert

[tom.schlimpert@dese.mo.gov](mailto:tom.schlimpert@dese.mo.gov) or 573-751-6875.

### **Missouri Connections in the News**

Check out this [Missouri Connections News Clip](#) describing how Springfield public schools use Missouri Connections to help students become college and career ready. Nice job, Springfield!

### **Financial Aid and Budget Calculators**

This site is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and provides budget, student loan, and debt/salary calculators along with information to support and guide financial planning for post-secondary options. <https://www.mappingyourfuture.org/>

### **Speakers Available**

The Missouri Department of Higher Education provides speaking services on financial aid and education-related topics. [speaking engagements](#)

### **Higher Ed. Resources**

The Missouri Department of High Education provides significant resources on a variety of topics related to Individual Student Planning. <http://dhe.mo.gov/resources/>

### **Helping Your Child with Career Planning**

This MSCA Pointers for Parents is a quality resource to provide for you families!

[http://moschoolcounselor.org/files/2014/07/Pointers\\_Helping\\_Your\\_Child\\_With\\_Career\\_Planning\\_9-11.pdf](http://moschoolcounselor.org/files/2014/07/Pointers_Helping_Your_Child_With_Career_Planning_9-11.pdf)

## **RESPONSIVE SERVICES**

### **Anti-Bullying Resources**

Inappropriate and harmful behaviors continue to plague students, schools and society. School counselors play a critical role in creating a healthy school culture and providing services to both bullies and victims.

[DESE Responsive Services](#) provides an abundance of updated materials including guides/manuals and small group instructional materials.

DESE provides [Anti-Bullying Information](#) that includes the state law that addresses district policy and additional resources.

The [Missouri School Violence Hotline](#) provides resources for parents and students along with the hotline reporting options.

**Missouri Prevention Partners** is a great resource for child abuse prevention and family strengthening resources. Check out their information and the links at the bottom of this flyer <http://missourikidsfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/MPP-flier-1-14.pdf>

**ACT Missouri** is a private not-for-profit corporation that promotes drug and alcohol awareness throughout Missouri. See their "Pubs" at the top of the website. <http://www.actmissouri.org/>

### **Missouri Center for School Safety Toolkit**

[http://moces.org/files/toolkit/SchoolSafetyResourceToolkit\\_v73.pdf](http://moces.org/files/toolkit/SchoolSafetyResourceToolkit_v73.pdf)

### **NEA - Safe School Resources**

<http://www.mnea.org/Missouri/SafeSchools.aspx>

## Center for Disease Control and Prevention Resources

Bullying: <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/bullyingresearch/index.html>

Violence Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/index.html>

Publications, data and prevention strategies on sexual violence, suicide, youth violence

Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links Among Multiple Forms of Violence

[http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/connecting\\_the\\_dots-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/connecting_the_dots-a.pdf)

## SYSTEM SUPPORT

### Legislative Session

The current legislative session is almost over. Several bills have potential to impact school counselors, especially HB 42 <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills151/billpdf/ccs/HB0042S.PDF>

[MSCA](#) is your professional advocate. [DESE Legislative Updates](#) addresses multiple relevant issues.

### Fall Guidance System of Support (GSOS)

Responsive Services will be the theme for the fall GSOS meetings. The agenda is under development but will include an overview of the newly updated materials on the DESE website and a significant amount of time to collaborate to share ideas and materials. "The answer is in the room!" Check the August Guidance Digest for details.

### Guidance for Administrators Workshops

Plans are being created for fall regional professional development workshops for administrators (counselors are welcome) addressing the effective evaluation and development of the guidance and counseling program. The program will be based on Program + Personnel = Results and will address a quick program overview, examples of the evaluation tools for each element (IIR, counselor evaluation, PRoBE), available resources, strategies for providing quality leadership, support accountability, and enhancing the principal/counselor relationship. Check the August Guidance Digest for details.

### DESE Electronic Mailbag

The DESE [Electronic Mailbag](#) is a quick read that addresses current educational topics.

### Host - Apply Missouri Event

Help Missouri's high school seniors navigate the college application process by hosting a 2015 Apply Missouri event. Any Missouri high school may register for the 2015 Apply Missouri program by visiting <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/applymissouri.php>. The registration deadline is August 14, 2015. Questions regarding the Apply Missouri registration form or program may be directed to Julie Meyer at [julie.meyer@dhe.mo.gov](mailto:julie.meyer@dhe.mo.gov) or Lisa Wilson at [lisa.wilson@dhe.mo.gov](mailto:lisa.wilson@dhe.mo.gov).

### Host - 2016 FAFSA Frenzy

FAFSA Frenzy sites can now complete a 2016 site application via <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/fafsafrenzy.php>. Host Site applications are due Friday, **August 28**, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. CDT.

The 2016 Missouri FAFSA Frenzy main event date is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2016. FAFSA Frenzy events can be held on the main date, or an alternate date can be selected. A second date of Sunday, March 6, 2016 will serve as a backup date in the event of inclement weather conditions.

### **Child Abuse Reporting Survey**

The Crimes Against Children Research Center and the National Children's Alliance are conducting a study on improving child abuse reporting. They are requesting volunteers to take a 10 minutes survey that enters you into a drawing for one of two \$50 Amazon gift cards.

Survey link: [https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_6Ka4NgObL826oE5](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6Ka4NgObL826oE5)

### **Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools**

The State Board of Education has approved an update to the publication Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools, commonly referred to as the Graduation Handbook. For more information please see Administrative Memo QS-15-007: <http://dese.mo.gov/administrative-memos>

If you have questions regarding the updated Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools, please contact [Doug Sutton](#) at (573) 526-2466.

### **Parent Guide to 504's**

<http://www.greatschools.org/special-education/legal-rights/868-section-504.gs?page=all>

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## **Conferences and Professional Development Opportunities**

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### **Micro messaging**

NAPE Education Foundation has developed **Micro messaging to Reach and Teach Every Student** - a high powered research-based, educator professional development program to address gender and culturally based implicit biases that occur in the classroom and that are manifested through "micro messages." This unique program provides participants with an awareness of the power of micro messages, which includes looks, gestures, tone of voice, or framing of feedback that subtly yet powerfully shape our culture, our classrooms, and the individuals within them.

This FREE 1.5 day workshop will be held May 26 from 9:00 - 4:00 and May 27 from 9:00 - 1:00 at Scott Regional Technology Center in Monett, MO. Registration is required. Register [HERE](#) to attend.

### **School Counseling Camp**

**June 2-3, 2015**, Sponsored by Kansas State University at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Manhattan, Kansas for practicing and aspiring counselors. For more information visit their website: <http://coe.k-state.edu/events/school-counsel-camp.html>

### **Transition Training Institute**

**June 16-18, 2015** The Office of Special Education in partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation, the Department of Mental Health, Division of Workforce Development and Missouri Centers for Independent Living are offering the 2015 Missouri Transition Training Institute (TTI). The title of the Institute is, "NAVIGATING LIFE'S SUPERHIGHWAY: FORMING CROSS AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL" The Institute will be at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Osage Beach, Missouri. <http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/effective-practices/statewide-training-opportunities>

If you have further questions contact John stains at (573) 751-0225 or [john.stains@dese.mo.gov](mailto:john.stains@dese.mo.gov)

### Missouri Alternative Education Network Conference

The Missouri Alternative Education Network 2015 Conference will be held **July 19-21, 2015** at the Country Club Hotel & Spa in Lake Ozark. For more information contact [maen4kids@gmail.com](mailto:maen4kids@gmail.com) or go to <https://sites.google.com/site/maen4kids/>

### 2015 MAEN Power Up! Conference

Join Missouri's most active and influential educators in alternative education at their summer conference on July 19 – July 21. This year's theme is Power Up! with Technology to College & Career Readiness. Breakout Presentation Proposals are being accepted up to June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.maen4kids.org](http://www.maen4kids.org) or email the conference chair at [skeithley@mexico.k12.mo](mailto:skeithley@mexico.k12.mo)

### MoACTE Summer Conference

July 20-23, 2015 in Springfield, Mo. Register at [www.mo-acte.org](http://www.mo-acte.org)  
Gina McLachlan, MoACTE President at (573) 310-1102 [gmclachlan@fulton58.org](mailto:gmclachlan@fulton58.org)  
Donna Vossen, MoACTE Executive Director at (573) 634-7366 [donna@mo-acte.org](mailto:donna@mo-acte.org)

### Counselors to Campus

Missouri State University is providing a FREE campus experience for up to 50 High School Counselors on **Sept. 20-22, 2015** to explore their campus and learn more about their academic programs. High school counselors that attend will be invited to bring 20 of their students back to visit the campus in February for a ONE day Students to Campus event. MSU will pay transportation costs for bus and driver and feed the students while on our campus. <http://education.missouristate.edu/Counselors-to-Campus.htm>

### MSCA Fall Conference

Nov.8-10, 2015 – Tan-Tar-A  
<http://moschoolcounselor.org/>

## Interesting Insights

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### Perspective from a Counselor Graduate Student

"Use of the IIR is also vital in evaluating the effectiveness of the implementation. I have come to realize the extreme value of the IIR for the school counselor, and I so appreciate the worthy method that has been created to quantify the effectiveness of my overall program. I will definitely utilize the IIR on a regular basis, not just to see what I am doing wrong (or need to improve upon), but also to see what I am doing well. Having the data to correlate what I am doing well to the success of the student body is invaluable for me as a counselor." (Foundations Student)

### Tim Elmore Videos

An excellent series of three videos that address *The Missing Piece to Career Readiness*.  
[View Your All-Access Pass](#)

### Career Cluster Inventory Results

The following screen shot is the state-wide cumulative results from the Missouri Connections Career Cluster Inventory. Over 85,000 entries are included in this break down of interests by career clusters.

**Reports - District Reports -- Career Cluster Inventory  
 State Wide Usage - Tom 2**
[Return to Date Selection](#)
**Career Cluster Inventory for State Wide Usage - Tom 2  
 08/01/2014 - 04/22/2015**
**Career Cluster Inventory Summary by Cluster**
[Export](#) | [Print](#)

[Total active portfolios = 563016] [Total records = 85660]

Cluster	Total Entries
Architecture	11062
Agriculture	9992
Health	9670
Arts	9657
Information	8750
Finance	7655
Human	7477
Education	5417
Science	4105
Hospitality	2466
Manufacturing	2179
Transportation	2159
Business	1782
Law	1732
Government	1018
Marketing	739

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